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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. General Donald V. Bennett, USA
Director
Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : Sighting of an American Working for
the Viet Cong

1. The attached report concerns an American prisoner of war in South Vietnam who may be working for the Viet Cong in Quang Tin province. As indicated in the report, the reliability of the source has not yet been established.

2. This report has been passed to the Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC) in Saigon, and has in addition been given limited dissemination in the field. Because it contains possibly derogatory information on a specifically named prisoner of war, it is being sent in Washington only to you and the other addressees listed below.

Attachment
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SUBJECT: Sighting of an American Working for the Viet-Cong



1. In early March 1971, an American was observed resting with four or five Viet Cong (VC) cadres on the side of the road to Phuong Dong village, Tien Phuoc district, VC Quang Nam province (Government of Vietnam Quang Tin province). After passing the group, prisoner Tran Huu Mai asked a member of his travel group who the American was; he was told that the American was a former U.S. prisoner of war who was working for the Military Proselyting Section of Military Region (MR) 5 and whose VC name was Nguyen Chief Dau.*

2. The American was seen talking animatedly in Vietnamese to his companions. He was not armed, nor were there weapons near

~~Comment:~~ The American may be Robert Garwood, a Marine captured by the VC in 1965 who is reported to have defected in May 1967. The Joint Personnel Recovery Center comments that the Vietnamese name and physical description fits Garwood.

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where he was seated. He wore a light green North Vietnamese Army uniform, without any insignia or marking, and rubber sandals. He appeared to be about 1.70 meters tall and to weigh about 70 kilograms. His hair was light brown and he was not wearing any headgear.*

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